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THE REVOLT



OF THE BEASTS

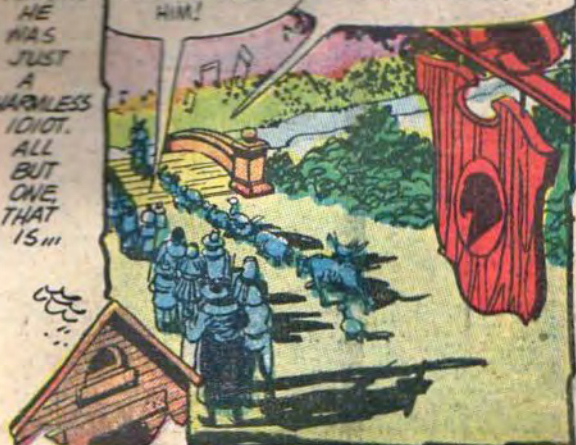
IT ALL STARTED INNOCENTLY ENOUGH, LONG YEARS AGO, IN A TINY TOWN IN EUROPE. AN ODD LITTLE MAN, PLAYING A SET OF PIPES, WALKED THROUGH THE VILLAGE, AND ALL THE UNCONFINED DOMESTIC ANIMALS BEGAN TO FOLLOW HIM...



THE TOWN-PEOPLE, GRINNED, THINKING HE WAS JUST A HARMLESS IDIOT. ALL BUT ONE, THAT IS!!!

THE LITTLE MAN MAKES ME FEEL AFRAID, CARLA! LOOK HOW THE ANIMALS FOLLOW HIM!

OH, JAN! HE IS BUT A POOR MINDLESS WANDERER. SOMEHOW ANIMALS ALWAYS LIKE THE INNOCENT ONES.



YES, MY FRIENDS, IT IS I! COME TO ME TONIGHT, WHEN THE MOON IS FULL, I HAVE MUCH TO TELL YOU!

I DON'T TRUST HIM, I'M GOING TO FOLLOW AND SEE WHERE HE GOES!

DON'T BE SILLY, JAN!

WHAT DO YOU THINK HE IS, JAN,, A GOBLIN? HA, HA!



JAN! COME BACK! YOU'RE DREAMING! NOTHING IS GOING TO HAPPEN!



BUT SOMETHING DID HAPPEN, AS THE FULL MOON ROSE OVER THE DEEP FOREST. FROM FAR AWAY, THE SOUND OF HAUNTING, EERIE MUSIC REACHED THE EARS OF EVERY ANIMAL IN THE DISTRICT...



AND NOTHING COULD STOP THEM...



THEY HAD TO FOLLOW IT! SOON, THE PEOPLE REALIZED WHAT WAS HAPPENING...

KARL, LOOK! THE ANIMALS ARE ALL LOOSE AND RUNNING AWAY!



AND WENT OUT INTO THE NIGHT TO SEARCH. BUT...

SEEN ANYTHING, KARL?

NOT A THING, PETER! NOT ONE ANIMAL! IT'S FRIGHTENING!



MORE FRIGHTENING THAN THEY KNOW! FOR DEEP IN THE FOREST...

...AND SO YOU SEE THAT I AM ONE OF YOU, AND THAT I HAVE COME TO DELIVER YOU FROM SLAVERY! SINCE THE BEGINNING, HUMANS HAVE ENSLAVED US! THEY PUT US IN CAGES, THEY STEAL THE FRUITS OF OUR LABOR, THEY FORCE US TO WORK FOR THEM AND HURRY THEM... THEY EVEN SLAUGHTER US AS FOOD!



BUT NO MORE SHALL IT BE SO... FOR TOMORROW AT DAWN WE REVOLT! PASS THE WORD AMONG YOU... THE FOOL MEN DO NOT EVEN KNOW WE CAN DO SO... THAT THE LIBERATION STARTS TOMORROW, AND WILL SWEEP ACROSS THE WORLD! YOU ARE THE FIRST OF THE ANIMALS TO REALIZE THE INJUSTICE, TO ACT AS A GROUP!



UNTIL DAWN, THEN, RETURN TO YOUR HOMES, BUT WHEN YOU HEAR THE CALL OF THE PIPES, ESCAPE FROM YOUR CRUEL MASTERS AND WE WILL ATTACK THE TOWN!

IT... IT CAN'T BE! BUT IT IS! I MUST RUN TO WARN THE TOWN! I MUST HURRY. DAWN IS BUT A FEW HOURS AWAY!



AND SO JAN RAN UNTIL HIS HEART NEARLY BURST, ALL THE WAY TO TOWN! BUT...

WAKE UP! WAKE UP, EVERYONE! THE BEASTS ARE COMING! THEY'RE REVOLTING!

QUIET DOWN THERE! WE'RE TRYING TO SLEEP!

HE'S BEEN TOO LONG AT THE TAVERN! QUIET! YOU DRUNKARD!

NO ONE WOULD BELIEVE HIM!

HA, HA! SO THE BEASTS ARE REVOLTING? WHY DON'T YOU DO YOUR DRINKING HERE, LAD?

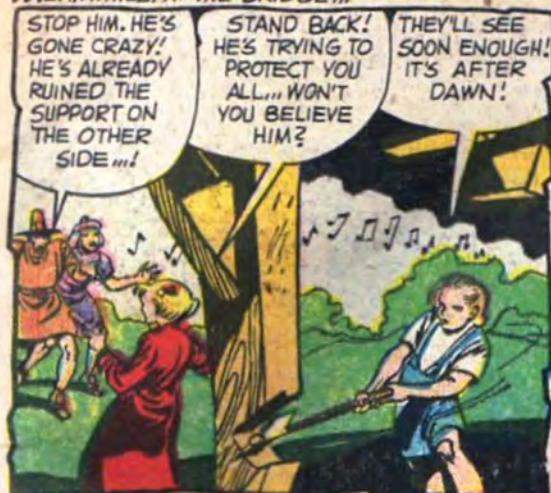
THE LITTLE MAN AGAIN! WE DON'T FALL FOR PRACTICAL JOKES, JAN!

BUT IT'S TRUE! I SAW... OH, WHAT'S THE USE? I'LL GO TO CARLA! SHE WILL BELIEVE I AM NOT CRAZY!





MEANWHILE, AT THE BRIDGE...



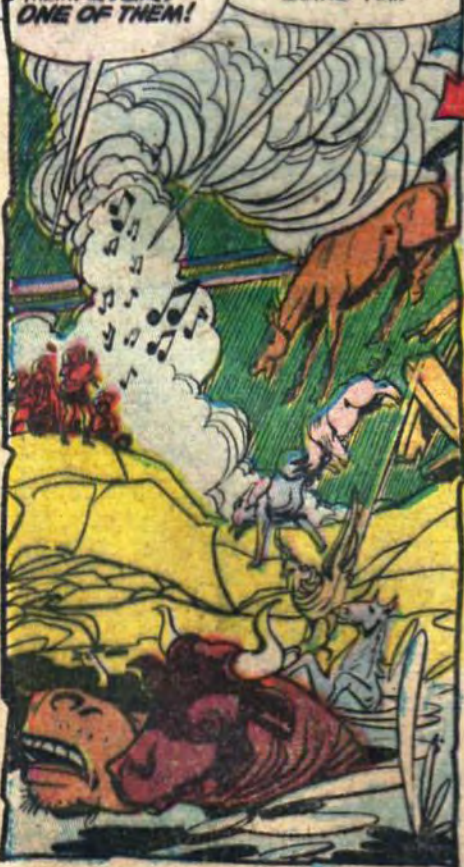
CLOSER AND CLOSER, CAME THE MENACING HORDE! AND THEN THE WEAKENED BRIDGE BEGAN TO SWAY...

IF ONLY JAN'S TRICK WORKS! IT **MUST** WORK!



WE MUST DESTROY THEM. **EVERY ONE OF THEM!**

LOOK! THEY'RE ALL GOING TO...



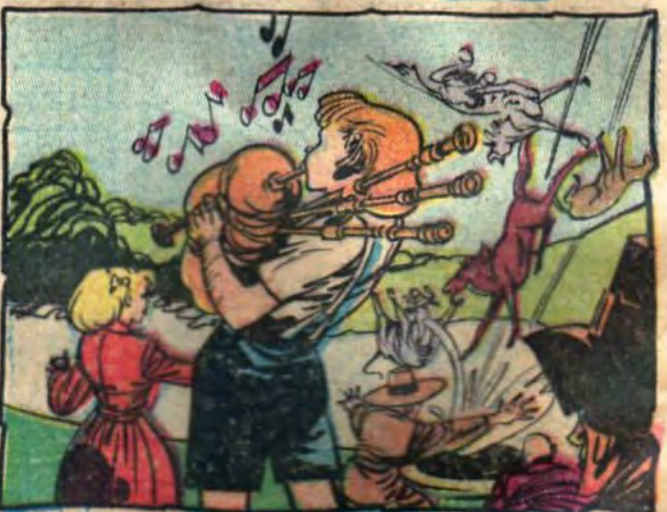
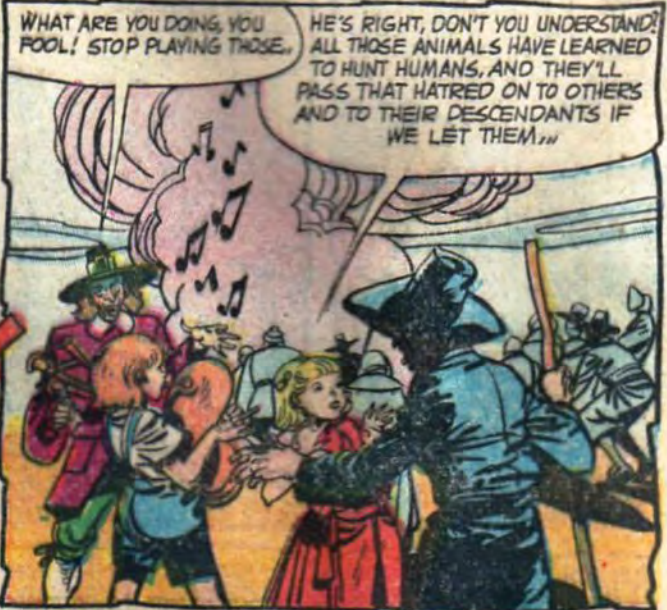
UNTIL WITH A SPLINTERING ROAR IT GAVE WAY!

LOOK! THE PIPES, THE MAGIC PIPES!



WHAT ARE YOU DOING, YOU FOOL! STOP PLAYING THOSE...

HE'S RIGHT, DON'T YOU UNDERSTAND? ALL THOSE ANIMALS HAVE LEARNED TO HUNT HUMANS, AND THEY'LL PASS THAT HATRED ON TO OTHERS AND TO THEIR DESCENDANTS IF WE LET THEM...



AND AFTER A FEW HORRIFYING MOMENTS...

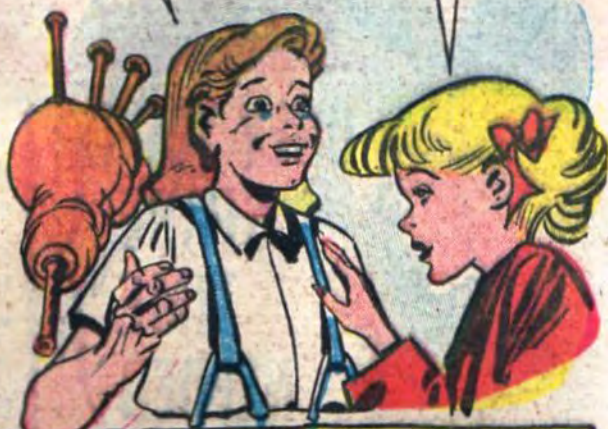
YOU CAN STOP IT NOW, JAN! IT'S ALL OVER.

HOW PITIFUL! ALL THOSE BEAUTIFUL ANIMALS, DEAD!



"PITIFUL, YES... BUT IT HAD TO BE DONE! NOW I CAN GET RID OF THIS EVIL THING!"

THAT, THAT TERRIBLE CREATURE IS GONE, AND SO ARE ALL THE ANIMALS! WE'RE SAFE FOREVER!



FOREVER? WELL PERHAPS... AND PERHAPS NOT! FOR FURTHER DOWN THE STREAM, SOMETHING STIRRED...

THE BATTLE IS LOST FOR NOW!



AND A FEW BEASTS, BEATEN BUT ALIVE, HOBBOLED UP THE RIVER BANK...

BUT COME, MY FRIEND... THERE'LL BE ANOTHER DAY!



BEASTS WITHIN WHOSE BLOOD BURNED A SECRET KNOWLEDGE OF RESENTMENT AND REVENGE!!



WHERE ARE THE DESCENDANTS OF THOSE ANIMALS TODAY... AND HOW MANY OF THEM **KNOW??** EVER CATCH YOUR CAT STARING STEADILY AT YOU IN THE FIRELIGHT, OR WATCH A HORSE LOOK BACK AT YOU AS YOU CROSS BEHIND HIM... SORT OF **MEASURING** YOU? THINK ABOUT IT. AND IF YOU EVER HEAR EERIE MUSIC PIPING FROM THE DEEP FOREST... WELL, I WOULDN'T CARE TO BE IN A DARK STABLE AT THE TIME!!



THE END

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Here I am again to present more letters from my friends and readers. I'm glad to be able to say that it gets more and more difficult to choose which letters will be printed here, as the mail gets heavier every issue. But don't let that discourage anyone. Please keep on writing. Every letter gives me better insight into your choices and preferences. As I said last time—keep them coming!

Dear Mr. Teller:

Give us more, more, more! I mean more stories like *The Terrible Trade* and *The Claws of Horror* in your last issue, with startling shock endings. There's no story thrill like a surprise ending, so keep it up, please.

Jay Fertig
Beechurst, L. I.

Thank you for the loud applause, Jay. And I will try to give you more, more, more surprise endings just as fast, fast, fast as I can!

Dear Teller:

I enjoy your stories very much, so I don't think you'll mind if I make a request. Why not feature more tales of animals with intelligence, animals with the capacity to think and reason, like *Claws of Horror* in your last book? Of course, that was a werewolf sort of thing, but you get the idea. Such stories give our overblown human vanity a jolt, and it certainly needs it in this day of man's inhumanity to man. Thanks for listening, anyway.

M. Mahaffey
Charleston, W. Va.

I don't know whether to call it coincidence or mind reading, my friend—but have you read the first story in this issue, *The Revolt of the Beasts*? Seems we've anticipated your request and served your favorite dish ahead of time.

Dear Teller:

Your "Teller Talks" series is a swell idea. I love the intimate, around-the-fire feeling it gives me. But I have a question. In your last "Teller Talks" story, you said of Bob Stagg that, "—now he's one of those—well, that's an entirely different story." What story? What is he? You've got me guessing. When are you going to tell us about it?

Jean Foxx
Forest Hills, N. Y.

Don't worry, Jean. That's a story I couldn't help telling you. It's just a matter of waiting for the right time, and combining it with certain other stories to achieve a good balance in the magazine. Just keep watching for it!

Dear Teller:

I want to thank you for doing something no magazine like yours has done for me in a long time—making me think. I'm referring to your story called "A Glimpse of the Pit." I won't go as far as to say that such punishment actually happens, but it does make one remember the old truths, that what we do with our lives will guide our fate, and the wide-spread belief that "the punishment fits the crime." At any rate, it's a nice idea to keep in mind when thinking about the Kremlin rulers and their crimes against the whole human race. Thanks again—

O. Olson
Detroit, Mich.

Not at all, O. Olson. On the contrary, thank you for making me prouder than ever of the job I'm doing. It's not every day that I receive a letter making me feel as good as I did when I first read this one. Your letter, in turn, makes me think, too. And the conclusion I reach is that my readers are too intelligent to be fooled. And so—back to work, collecting the best stories in the field for all my "thinking" friends! See you in the next issue.

"Horrific"-ally yours,
THE TELLER



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MANY MEN HAVE BEEN FOOLS ENOUGH TO SELL THEIR SOULS... DOCTOR'S, LAWYERS, FARMERS... BUT ALL FOOLS! HERE'S FREDDY DEMON TO TELL US ABOUT ANOTHER SUCH PAWN OF EVIL. THE WRESTLER KNOWN AS IVAN KOMROFF, AND AS USUAL IN SUCH CASES...

DEATH WINS THE FALL



MATT
ELKH.

AS A WRESTLER, IVAN WAS KNOWN AS A FLOP. HE WAS HUGE AND STRONG, BUT HE WAS UNABLE TO SUMMON THE KILLER INSTINCT FROM WITHIN HIMSELF AND TOO STUPID TO PRETEND... SO HE LOST MATCH AFTER MATCH. AND FINALLY ONE NIGHT...



IVAN'S MANAGER GAVE UP...

YOU CLUMSY BAG 'O' BONES! MANAGE YER BLOODY SELF FROM NOW ON!

BUT I CAN'T GET MATCHES WITHOUT A MANAGER...



AND NOT ONLY THAT, HIS GIRL LEFT HIM!

SANDRA! DON'T LEAVE ME... I LOVE YOU! YOU SAID YOU'D MARRY...

I SAID WE'RE THROUGH! COME AROUND WHEN YOU'RE CHAMPION! THEN I'LL MARRY YOU! HA, HA! FAT CHANCE O' THAT!



AND SO BITTER AND FORLORN, IVAN WANDERED THE LONDON STREETS THAT NIGHT, UNTIL...

SO YOU'D LIKE TO BE A CHAMPION WRESTLER, EH, IVAN?

WHAT? WHO ARE YOU? WHAT DO YOU WANT?

I WANT TO MAKE YOU CHAMPION, IVAN... AND THE NAME IS DARK, MISTER DARK TO YOU! LISTEN CLOSELY, IVAN. DO TWO THINGS FOR ME, AND I WILL MAKE YOU WHAT YOU WANT TO BE! FIRST... YOU HAVE TO PROMISE ME THAT WHEN YOU ARE CHAMPION, YOU WILL COME TO MY COUNTRY AND FIGHT THERE.

WHY... WHY SURE I WILL! BUT HOW CAN YOU MAKE ME?

FLOWERS! WHO'LL BUY MY FRESH FLOWERS?!



IT'S A PROMISE, THEN. THE SECOND THING IS... KILL THAT OLD WOMAN THERE. NOW!

KILL...?!! BUT I COULDN'T DO THAT!!

THAT'S JUST IT! YOU'RE STRONG AS A BULL... AND YET YOU HAVE NO KILLER INSTINCT! WITHOUT IT, YOU CANNOT PLEASE THE CROWD... AND I CANNOT MAKE YOU CHAMPION! KILL HER, IVAN... AND LEARN THE JOY OF THE KILL! KILL HER AND I WILL MAKE YOU KING OF THE WRESTLERS!

KILL... JUST... KILL A WORTHLESS OLD WOMAN! AND... ALRIGHT. I'LL DO IT!



A MOMENT LATER, A STRANGE SCREAM ECHOED DOWN THE EMPTY STREET...

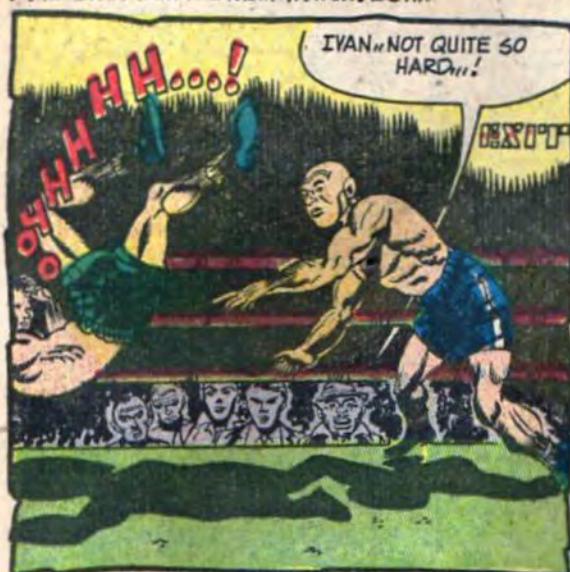
GOOD, IVAN! WELL DONE!

I... I SEE WHAT YOU MEAN! IT DOES FEEL GOOD... IT GIVES ME A FEELING OF POWER, AND MY BLOOD POUNDS AND...

ALRIGHT THEN... WE ARE ON OUR WAY, IVAN!



AND IVAN WON HIS NEXT MATCH! BUT...



IVAN "NOT QUITE SO HARD...!"



YOU'VE KILLED HIM, IVAN! WELL, THAT'S ALRIGHT THIS TIME!

BUT I THOUGHT YOU SAID "?"

HE'S A KILLER, THIS ONE!

WHAT CROWDS HE'LL DRAW!

LATER, IN THE DRESSING ROOM...



KILLING ONE WRESTLER WILL MAKE THEM COME TO SEE YOU, IVAN... BUT MORE THAN ONE WILL MAKE THEM HATE YOU! OTHER WRESTLERS WON'T WANT TO FIGHT YOU! DON'T DO IT AGAIN!

BUT I CAN'T HELP IT! I HAVE THE URGE TO KILL... IT FILLS ME WITH FURY! I MUST KILL! NOW THAT YOU'VE TAUGHT ME HOW!



USE ONLY PART OF THAT FURY IN THE RING, IVAN! AND THEN, AFTER, "AFTER THE MATCH" WELL, DID IT EVER OCCUR TO YOU THAT THERE ARE OTHERS TO KILL BESIDES WRESTLERS? WOMEN, FOR INSTANCE, "THEY'RE EASY TO KILL, IVAN!"

YES... YES! I UNDERSTAND!



AND SO, AFTER IVAN'S NEXT WINNING BOUT, THERE BEGAN A SERIES OF BRUTAL MURDERS, THAT WERE TO ROCK ALL LONDON... "THE BRUTE KILLINGS,"

HA, HA! I HAVE KILLED! NOW THE FURY IS GONE, UNTIL THE NEXT TIME!

AND SO, IVAN WENT ON WINNING...



..AND KILLING..!



..UNTIL AT LAST...



AND THEN IVAN WENT TO KEEP A LONG-WAITED DATE.





IT MUST BE THE
BRUTE KILLER!

CALL THE
POLICE!

THEY, THEY'RE ALL AROUND
ME THIS TIME! I'LL RUN,
RUN! BUT WHERE?!!



WHERE? WHY TO THE ARENA, IVAN, OF
COURSE! TO THE ARENA WHERE YOU WERE
SAFE, WHERE THEY CHEERED YOU !!!
WHERE YOU WERE THE CHAMPION!!!



IVAN RACED TO THE ARENA, IN BLIND PANIC,
AND STRAIGHT TO THE FAMILIAR, FRIENDLY
RING! BUT...

HAVE YOU COME TO KEEP
YOUR PROMISE, IVAN? IT
IS TIME TO LEAVE FOR MY
COUNTRY!



YOU! I, NO! NO, I BELONG
HERE, IN THIS RING! HERE I
AM CHAMPION! I WON'T GO
WITH YOU!

YOU HAVE NO CHOICE,
IVAN, YOU PROMISED!
BESIDES YOU HAVE
KILLED TOO MANY!!!



THEN ONE MORE WON'T MATTER...
SO I'LL KILL YOU TOO!

FOOL!!!



DO YOU THINK YOU CAN MATCH YOUR
MORTAL MUSCLES AND CLUMSY WITS!!!



"AGAINST ME!!!

OH, NO!
NOOOOOO!



BUT YES, IVAN! YOU **MUST** COME WITH ME! WHAT FUN I'LL HAVE, MATCHING YOU AGAINST HERCULES, THE CYCLOPS, ALL THE ROMAN GLADIATORS! YES, IVAN, THERE WILL BE MANY GOOD MATCHES FOR YOU!!!

AAGGGG!



"IN MY COUNTRY!

CRACK!

A SILENT
MOMENT
PASSES
AND THEN!!!

COME IVAN. IT IS
TIME TO GO!

YES, MASTER!



AND A FEW MOMENTS LATER!!!



NO DOUBT ABOUT IT, SIR.
HE WAS THE BRUTE KILLER
RIGHT ENOUGH!

YES. BUT WHAT GETS
ME IS HOW A MAN
CAN MANAGE TO
BREAK HIS OWN
NECK!



I GUESS WE'LL JUST HAVE TO
PUT IT DOWN AS SUICIDE!

AND IT WAS SUICIDE, AT THAT!! OF A SORT!

THE END.



IT BEGAN ON A NOTE OF TENDERNESS AND SORROW, FOR A YOUNG AND LOVELY GIRL HAD DIED, AND WAS BEING BURIED IN THE VILLAGE CEMETERY.



STANDING BY WAS OLD LARS SWENSON, SILENT AND INCONSPICUOUS, AS BECAME THE PROFESSION OF GRAVEDIGGER.



MAY I SPEAK TO YOU FOR A MOMENT, LARS?

THIS IS A STORY TO SET YOU SHIVERING AND SHUDDERING, AND WATCHING AND WONDERING.. A TASTY TALE OF GRUESOMENESS AND GHOULS, AND THE HORROR THAT LIES IN WAIT, UNDER THE EARTH,

BENEATH THE GRAVE



YOU MAY BEGIN FILLING
IN THE GRAVE NOW, BUT LARS,
BE ON WATCH NOW, WILL YOU?
WE CAN'T HAVE ANY MORE OF
THIS TERRIBLE GRAVE-
ROBBING HERE!

YES SIR.
I UNDER-
STAND,
SIR.

YOU KNOW WHAT HAPPENED
LAST MONTH WHEN WE DUG UP
THE SMITH GRAVE TO MOVE
THE BODY TO THE FAMILY
VAULT?

YES SIR, I
KNOW...



„THE BODY WAS GONE! AND
SO WAS THE JEWELRY AND GOLD
IN ITS TEETH! I KNOW, ALRIGHT,
CAUSE I DID IT! NOW TO FILL
IN THIS GRAVE WHILE IT'S
DAYLIGHT. I'LL RETURN
THO' „TO STEAL„ BY
MOONLIGHT!

AND TRUE TO HIS WORD, LARS RETURNED
TO THE GRAVE WHEN THE MOON ROSE
THAT NIGHT...

THERE! NOW TO OPEN IT UP!
I'LL SOON BE RICH AT THIS
RATE, WITH ALL THE RINGS
AND PINS AND GOLD I'M
COLLECTING!

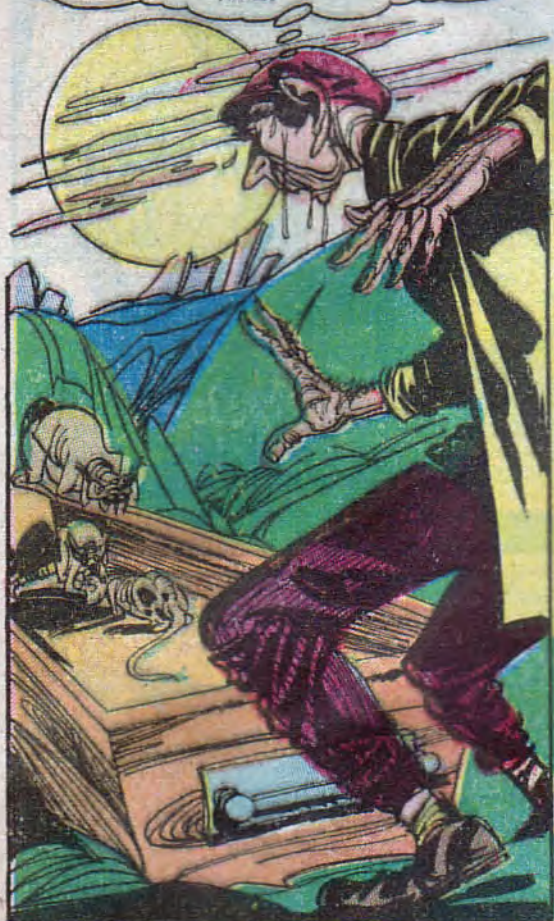


UGGGH! I'M GETTING TOO
OLD FOR THIS WORK, BUT
NEVER MIND... PRETTY SOON
I'LL HAVE ENOUGH TO
RETIRE. NOW LET'S SEE
WHAT YOU HAVE FOR
OLD LARS, YOUNG...

GONE! SHE'S
GONE!!!
BUT NO ONE
COULD
HAVE...!!



OHO, NOW I SEE! THE RATS, I'LL BET, THOSE HUGE GRAVEYARD RATS HAVE STOLEN THE BODY. I'VE SEEN SOME OF THEIR WORK BEFORE! BUT THEY WON'T BE STEALING ANY MORE OF MY PRIZES! I'LL FIX 'EM FOR GOOD THIS TIME!



LET'S SEE NOW... I'LL NEED A FLASHLIGHT, MY PISTOL, AND LOTS OF RAT POISON. I'LL TEACH THEM TO STEAL FROM ME!!



SOON LARS WAS BACK, READY TO START ON HIS QUEST FOR VENGEANCE... BENEATH THE GRAVE!

SOME MIGHT BE AFRAID TO GO INTO A TUNNEL BENEATH A CEMETERY, BUT NOT ME! I'M USED TO GRAVES! HEH, HEH, HEH!



AFTER MINUTES OF CRAWLING THROUGH THE FETID BLACKNESS, LARS FOUND...

THE TUNNEL'S GETTING LARGER... I CAN NEARLY STAND. WHAT KIND OF RATS WOULD BUILD... AND LOOK THERE! SOME SORT OF LIGHT AHEAD! I'LL JUST TURN OFF THE FLASHLIGHT...



"AND HAVE A LOOK! MEBBE IT'S SOME KIND OF CAVE, DUG IN FROM THE OTHER SIDE OF THE HILL. IF IT'S SOME KIDS PLAVIN' PIRATES, I'LL GO SCARE 'EM OFF!



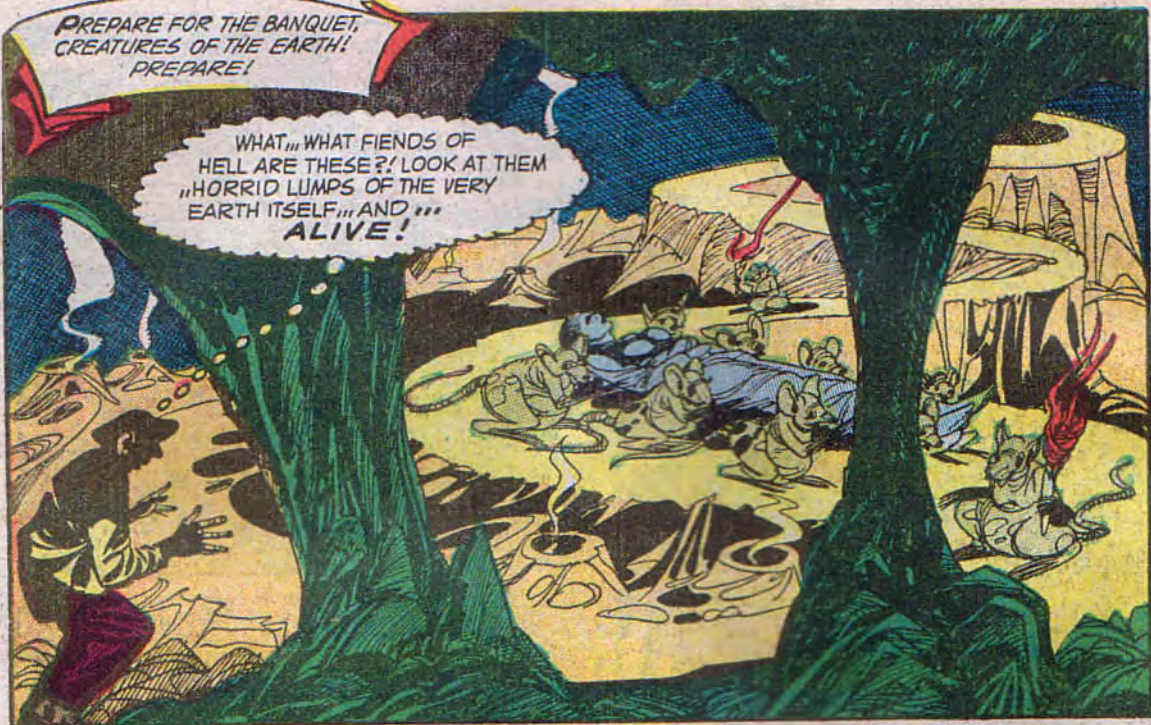
AND SO LARS HAD HIS LOOK!!

I... I'M DREAMING!! IT CAN'T BE REAL!! I... I MUST BE GOIN' CRAZY!!



PREPARE FOR THE BANQUET,
CREATURES OF THE EARTH!
PREPARE!

WHAT...WHAT FIENDS OF
HELL ARE THESE? LOOK AT THEM
"HORRID LUMPS OF THE VERY
EARTH ITSELF," AND "...
ALIVE!



IT IS A CONVENIENT ARRANGEMENT WE
HAVE WITH THE DARK ONES WHO LIVE
EVEN DEEPER THAN WE, IS IT NOT?
WHEN SATAN COMES TO COLLECT THE
SOUL OF A SINNER, HE GIVES US
THE BODY! HA, HA, HA!

I MUST GET AWAY
"FAR AWAY! I...
I'LL QUIT MY JOB!
I'LL BECOME A
GOOD MAN!
I'LL CHANGE! I
CAN'T LET THEM
GET MY BODY AFTER
I'M DEAD!

BUT AS LARS TURNED TO FLEE...

LOOK THERE! A HUMAN
HAS INVADDED OUR DOMAIN!
AFTER HIM!!



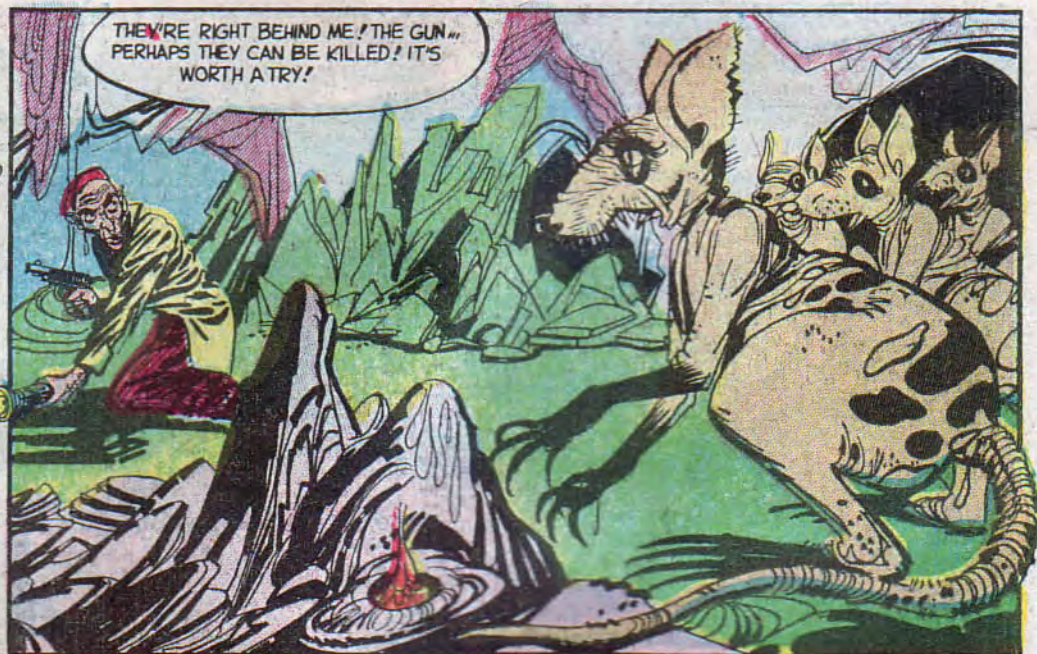
THEY'VE SEEN ME! THEY'RE
COMING AFTER ME! OH, HEAVEN
HELP ME TO REACH THE
SURFACE!

FOLLOW ME! WE
CANNOT LET HIM
TAKE WORD OF
OUR EXISTENCE
TO THOSE ABOVE!

I'VE BEEN EVIL, BUT HEAVEN HELP
ME, JUST THIS ONCE! I'LL NEVER BE
BAD AGAIN!!



FOR
SEVERAL
TERROR-
MAD
MOMENTS,
LARS RACED
THROUGH
THE
EVER-
NARROWING
TUNNEL!
AND
THEN...



THEY'RE RIGHT BEHIND ME! THE GUN...
PERHAPS THEY CAN BE KILLED! IT'S
WORTH A TRY!

THEY CAN! THEY CAN BE KILLED! I'LL
ESCAPE, I'LL... OH, NO! I'VE USED UP
ALL MY BULLETS!

BUT LOOK... THEY CAN'T STAND THE
BRIGHT LIGHT! THEIR EYES ARE TOO
USED TO THIS FILTHY DARKNESS DOWN
HERE! ALL I HAVE TO DO IS TO BACK
OUT, KEEP THE LIGHT ON THEM TILL...

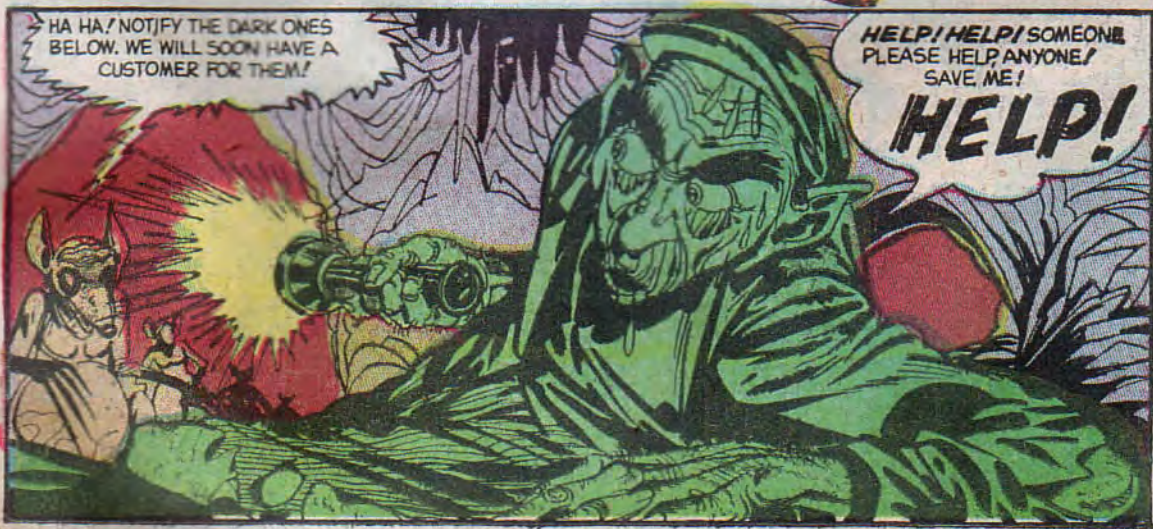
MY LIGHT! MY **LIGHT!**
NOOOO!



HA HA! NOTIFY THE DARK ONES
BELOW. WE WILL SOON HAVE A
CUSTOMER FOR THEM!

HELP! HELP! SOMEONE!
PLEASE HELP ANYONE!
SAVE ME!

HELP!



SCREAMING IN TERROR, LARS CRAWLED FRANTICALLY FOR... BUT HOW LONG IS TIME IN THE GRIP OF BRAIN-SHATTERING HORROR?! BUT FINALLY...



WOOD! I FEEL WOOD! I'VE DONE IT!
I'VE REACHED THE COFFIN! I'M
FREE!



FREE! I CAN BREATHE AND RUN... WHA...? IT'S
CLOSED! BUT... AHHHHH NOOOOOO!! IT'S THE
WRONG COFFIN!!!! I'M TRAPPED BENEATH
SIX FEET OF EARTH!!



LET ME OUT! LET ME OUT!
HEEEEEELLPPP!!

AND AT
THAT
MOMENT
STRONG
CLAWS
SEIZED
LARS'
ANKLES,
AND
BEGAN
TO DRAG
HIM
BACK...
CLAWS
THAT
SEEMED
LIKE
BLAZING
HOT
STEEL
BANDS!



NO, LET ME GO! YOU CAN'T TAKE ME!
NO! I'M NOT DEAD YET! I'M
NOT DEAD YET...!!



"SATAN HASN'T
COME TO
COLLECT
MY SOUL!!



NO? JUST WHO DO YOU THINK I
AM LARS SWENSON??!!

THE TELLER TALKS!

The Story of GHOSTS AND MAGNOLIA MARY



Welcome once again to our little gathering, friends. I'm so glad to see that all of you have enjoyed our sessions enough to return to my den again, and flattered to meet so many new members. Don't mind that creaking door you see closing over there. It's just one of my—my friends, going back to his own plane.

Tonight our subject is ghosts—pro and con. I'm on the pro side, of course. I know some of them personally. But there are many people who refuse to believe in spirits from another world. They listen to ghost stories with smiles and skepticism, saying, "Prove it to me." Well, to those who do not have the insight and sensitivity to feel the presence of a spirit, it is indeed a hard thing to prove. But I want to tell you a tale that I think might do so—at least it will set the non-believers to wondering. It's the story of Magnolia Mary.

Back in Colonial days, a ship set out from a port in one of our Gulf States, carrying several dozen ladies and gentlemen bound for Europe. But it sailed only a few miles before being captured by one of the pirate ships that infested those waters at the time. The pirate chief was an infamous killer named Big John.

When Big John boarded the merchant ship, the first person his eyes fell upon was a lovely girl, known only to the others as Mary, and who still carried in her arms a spray of magnolia blossoms from her beloved bayou country. Big John stared long and hard at the girl, and then he made his proposition.

If Mary would come with him willingly, said Big John, the ship would be spared. Otherwise everyone would walk the plank, and the ship would be plundered.

Amid a storm of protest from the other pas-

sengers, Mary walked calmly to Big John's side. They rowed quickly back to the pirate ship and sailed away, and that was the last that was seen of them for several years.

But evidently Mary's sweetness and decency had their effect on Big John, for five years later he brought her back and built her a fabulous mansion. He had the grounds lined with great oaks, and planted a huge clump of magnolias behind the house. Mary loved the place with all her heart, and tended it carefully through the years. They lived peacefully there, growing old together, until Big John died. Mary died two days later of a broken heart, and their friends buried them together under the magnolias that she loved.

But here is the point of the story. They say that Magnolia Mary still tends her beloved grounds. The oaks are still there, the magnolias are in perfect health. And many an owner right to this day swears that she's seen often, pruning the trees with ghostly shears or smiling up at the oak trees.

No proof, you say? Perhaps. But let me tell you the end of the story.

Not long ago, a new owner took over the property. He added only one thing to it—a sturdy brick garage for his car. Otherwise he touched nothing, for he too loved the old place.

Several months later, a hurricane of great force struck the Gulf Coast. All through the area, roofs were torn off, huge trees uprooted. The new owner rushed out to close his garage doors, his wife watching from the window. And his wife swears that she saw the spirit of Magnolia Mary hovering protectively over the man until he turned to run back to the house. At that moment, a lightning bolt struck and completely demolished the garage!

Garages were unfamiliar to Mary, you see. Besides, it hadn't been there in her day. But Mary had protected her property, truly. For when the storm was over, in spite of the damage to other property on every side, nothing had been touched that had belonged to her. The house was safe, not an oak tree had been damaged—and not even one magnolia blossom had fallen from its stem!

Coincidence, you say? Maybe. But if you've never seen a ghost, you probably have seen a magnolia or some other similar blossom as its fragile petals were torn loose and whirled away by even a moderately strong wind. Think it over!

But for now, goodnight. Pleasant dreams until our next meeting. And don't mind that sound, as if a soft foot were whispering on the stair in the night. It's only the breeze passing by. Or—is it?

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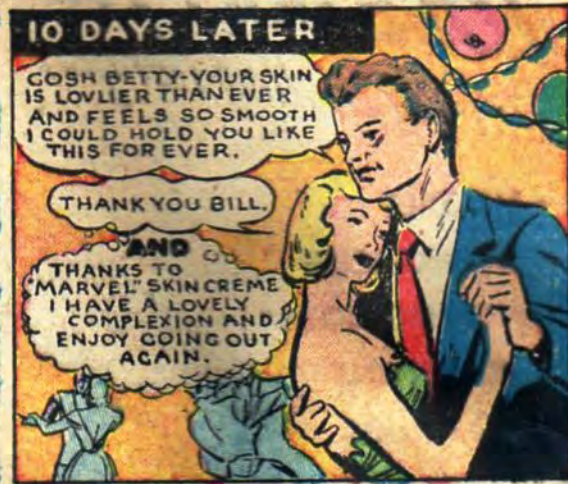
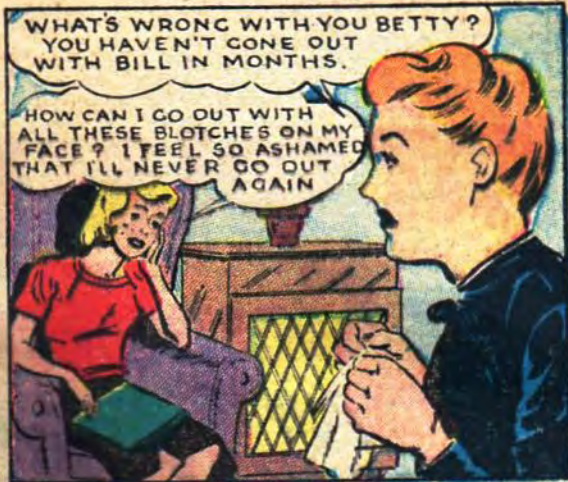
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MY TALE OF TERROR CONCERNS A NAMESAKE OF MINE, VICTOR!!! VICTOR BELLINI, THE GREAT ITALIAN SCULPTOR, AND THOUGH HE DIED A HUNDRED YEARS AGO, VICTOR BELLINI STILL REACHES A GHOSTLY HAND INTO THE PRESENT TO PROVE ONCE MORE HIS REPUTATION AS THE!!!

SCULPTOR OF THE DAMNED

IT HAPPENED SEVERAL YEARS AGO, JUST AFTER BELLINI'S MANSION HAD BEEN OPENED TO THE PUBLIC AS A MUSEUM!!!

THE TWO MEN IN THIS STATUE REPRESENT TWO SUITORS OF BELLINI'S DAUGHTER. HE HATED THEM BOTH, AND THEN, BOTH DISAPPEARED, NEVER TO BE SEEN OR HEARD FROM AGAIN!

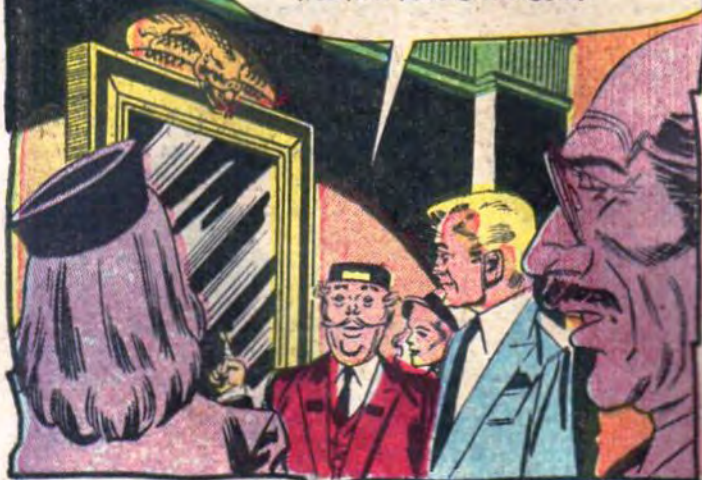


THE SCULPTOR, WHOM SOME SAY WAS MAD, CREATED THIS GREAT STATUE AND PLACED IT HERE IN FRONT OF HIS MANSION AS A WARNING TO OTHERS! NOW, IF YOU WILL FOLLOW ME!!!

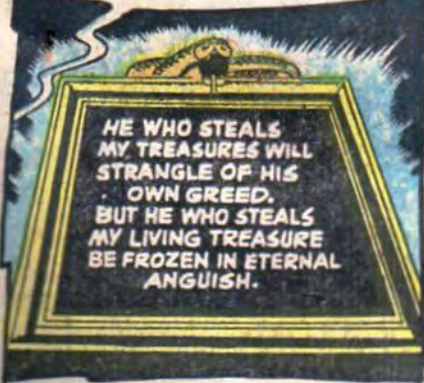
HOW TERRIBLE.



AS WE ENTER, NOTICE THE PLAQUE FACING YOU. IT IS MADE OF SOLID GOLD, THE LETTERS SET IN PRECIOUS GEMS, AND IS SAID TO BE WORTH A KING'S RANSOM.



BY LIVING TREASURE, BELLINI REFERRED TO HIS JEALOUSLY GUARDED DAUGHTER. HE BELIEVED HIS MOTTO TO BE A CURSE, AS POWERFUL AS THAT OF THE ANCIENT EGYPTIANS. HIS DAUGHTER MARRIED AFTER HIS DEATH, HOWEVER!!!



HE WHO STEALS
MY TREASURES WILL
STRANGLE OF HIS
OWN GREED.
BUT HE WHO STEALS
MY LIVING TREASURE
BE FROZEN IN ETERNAL
ANGUISH.

AND SO
THE TOUR
WENT ON...
BUT
UNKNOWN
TO THE
GUIDE,
IT GREW
FEWER
IN
NUMBER
!!!



AND AT LAST, NIGHT FELL, AND...

ALL OUT! LAST CALL, THE
LIGHTS ARE GOING OUT!



NOW! NOW FOR THE FINAL
STEP, AND I'M RICH!



SLAM!

OH!!

WHAT!!



COME HERE,
YOU!

OH, PLEASE! DON'T ARREST ME!
I CAN EXPLAIN...



YOU SEE, I'M A DESCENDANT OF
BELLINI'S, THERESA BELLINI! I
JUST WANTED TO BE ALONE WITH
HIS WORK, TO SEE IF I COULD
UNDERSTAND WHAT MADE
HIM SO...

A DESCENDANT?
NOW, IF THIS
ISN'T PERFECT,
WHAT COULD BE
MORE COMICAL?



BECAUSE, LITTLE THERESA,
I AM A THIEF...

OH, NO!



"AND I AM ABOUT TO STEAL BELLINI'S
MILLION-DOLLAR MOTTO, WITH HIS GREAT-
GRAND-DAUGHTER, OR WHATEVER YOU
ARE, AS A WITNESS! WHAT A JOKE, EH!

BUT THE
CURSE!!



THE CURSE! ONLY FOOLS
BELIEVE IN CURSES!

THAT SOUND!
WHAT? OHHHH!!



STOP IT, YOU IDIOT!
STOP SCREAMING!

THE SNAKE! I
SAW IT MOVE!



WHETHER IT MOVED OR NOT, I'M
GETTING OUT OF HERE, AND NOT
ONLY AM I TAKING HIS TREASURE
WITH ME!!



"BUT I'M TAKING
YOU AS WELL.
MY LOVELY
THERESA!"

OHHHH!
YOU'RE
HURTING
ME!



YOU'LL MAKE THE
NIGHTS QUITE
ENTERTAINING
FOR ME AS WE
TRAVEL, TILL I
HAVE TO DUMP
YOU IN A DITCH
SOMEWHERE!
GO ON, MY CAR
IS AT THE GATE!

DON'T!
I
CAN'T
STAND
IT!



HA, HA! NOT ONLY DO I HAVE THE DEAD
BELLINI'S MOST VALUABLE POSSESSION, BUT
I HAVE A **LIVE** BELLINI AS WELL!

NO! PLEASE DON'T
TAKE ME!!



BUT SUDDENLY, WITHOUT WARNING...



NO! DON'T

NO!!!





WHAT, WHAT IS IT?
WHAT'S HAPPENING
TO YOU?

HELP ME! PLEASE!
OHHHHHHHHH!



BUT, BUT I CAN'T
SEE, NO! I CAN'T
STAND IT! I CAN'T
STAND IT!

HELP
HELP



EEEEEE
POLICE! POLICE!

AGGGGG



AND A FEW MINUTES LATER...

IT WAS RIGHT HERE, HE STOLE THE
PLAQUE, AND HE KIDNAPPED ME,
AND THEN SUDDENLY HE STARTED
TO SCREAM!

NOBODY
HERE NOW,
NOT A SOUL!



LOOK AROUND,
MEN, SEE WHAT
YOU CAN FIND!

I, I DON'T WANT TO
GO NEAR THAT SPOT
AGAIN!



LOOK, SIR! HERE'S
THE PLAQUE THAT
SHE SAID...

VITO! FRANCISCO!
COME HERE AT
ONCE!

VITO, TAKE THE YOUNG LADY HOME AT ONCE! TELL HER WE'VE FOUND NOTHING, AND WE'LL GET IN TOUCH WITH HER LATER. FRANCISCO, YOU STAY HERE WITH ME!

YESSIR! AT ONCE, SIR!

YES SIR! BUT I'D BETTER ...

"JUST PICK UP THIS PLAQUE, AND"

DON'T TOUCH THAT!



BUT WHY, SIR? AND THE GIRL SIR. SHE MIGHT HAVE TOLD US ...

I SENT HER HOME BECAUSE THERE IS SOMETHING HERE THAT WOULD CERTAINLY SEND HER INTO FRESH HYSTERICS! AS FOR THE PLAQUE ... I THINK WE'D BETTER LET IT ALONE UNTIL WE CAN GET SOMEONE FROM THE MUSEUM TO HANDLE IT ...



"BECAUSE YOU WILL SEE, MY FRIEND, IF YOU WILL USE YOUR FLASHLIGHT, THAT THE TWO YOUNG MEN WHOM BELLINI IMMORTALIZED IN MARBLE, 'FROZEN IN ETERNAL ANGUISH,'"



"HAVE BEEN JOINED BY A THIRD??"



THE END.



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